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TESTIMONY OF
THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
April 1, 2015

S. B. 1177 SD 1

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Luke and members of the committee, I am Jonathan Johnson, executive director of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and I am pleased to support SB 1177 SD1.

SB 1177 SD1 provides additional staffing that will aid our effort to comply with the findings of the management audit of 2014.

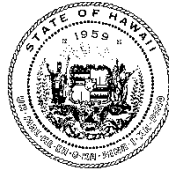
The effective tracking, collection of one percent funds and planning efforts would be supported by adding staff in our agency's fiscal administration and Art in Public Places Program.

Two arts program specialist positions in Art in Public Places would enable the SFCA to be more responsive in meeting the demand for works of art projects in new State construction, arts education services and access to arts programming, particularly for underserved areas of our state.

If it is the desire of the Legislature, we suggest reinstating positions that were abolished largely due to vacancies. All proposed positions would be funded by the Works of Art Special Fund within the projected biennium budget.

In order to comply with the regulations of the fund, duties and responsibilities of each position will be directly related to the purpose and mission of the Works of art Special Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you on this matter.



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
DOUGLAS MURDOCK, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE
ON
FINANCE
ON
APRIL 1, 2015

S.B. 1177, S.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Chair Luke and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 1177, S.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services provides the following comments.

To preserve the tax exempt status for the State's general obligation bonds, the responsibilities of these four positions need to be directly related to the purpose and mission of the works of art special fund. If the funding for these positions from the works of art special fund is supplanting general funds, the tax exempt status of the general obligation bonds could be adversely affected resulting in possibly higher borrowing costs.

To ensure that the tax exempt status is not affected, we suggest that the following language be added to the end of Section 2 at line 10: "provided that duties and responsibilities of each position must be directly related to the purpose and mission of the works of art special fund."

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this measure.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1177, S.D.1

April 1, 2015
2:00 P.M.

RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS

Senate Bill No. 1177, S.D. 1, makes an appropriation for the establishment of four full-time positions at the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (the “Foundation”).

The Department opposes this bill. The bill appropriates funds from the Works of Art Special Fund to establish the four full-time positions in an effort to address the auditor’s finding that the Foundation needs to improve its management to ensure the accountability, accessibility, and protection of the Foundation’s resources. As tax-exempt general obligation bond proceeds are deposited into the Works of Art Special Fund, financeable staff costs (i.e., salary, wage, benefits costs) are limited to capitalized or capitalizable salaries of workers directly relating to capital projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



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March 31, 2015

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 – 2 PM

TO: Chair Sylvia Luke and Honorable Committee Members

FROM: Alexander Alike Jamile, Executive Director and President
Moanalua Gardens Foundation

RE: SB1177 SD1, Relating to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

I am voicing my strong support of SB1177 SD1 which will fund four full-time positions for the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts (SFCA). This organization has suffered the effects of downsizing which has impacted its operations, yet it continues to proactively advocate for culture and the arts in Hawaii which improve the quality of life for us all.

All too often culture and arts organizations are overlooked when it comes to funding, yet we continue to provide exciting multi-cultural events and programs which not only enrich us culturally, but also make Hawaii a unique place to visit stimulating travel to our islands.

SFCA understand this and has been an outstanding supporter of culture and arts organizations like ours. These positions will help them improve their operations and better serve their constituents and the people of Hawaii.

We strongly urge you to approve SB1177 SD1 so that SFCA can continue to support events and programs which strengthen our communities, showcase our diversity, help our economy, and improve the quality of life for us all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alike Jamile', written in a cursive style.

Alexander Alike Jamile

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marie Kerley	Kahilu Theatre Foundation	Support	No

Comments: I am writing to support this measure. We have been a beneficiary of Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts and their funds have served our community very well. We strongly support this measure and look forward to many more years of working successfully together. Thank you for your consideration. Mahalo, Mimi Kerley Board President

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Dena Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support the arts!

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Robert Pollock	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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